

Thursday, December 2, 1965

WATER LEAKAGE

Because of continual leakage plaguing the water department, the water commissioners are considering insertion of an article in the town warrant to ask for money to make a leakage survey.

Most of the leakage problem is in the Washington St. and Bay Rd. area, and at places where cast iron pipes are used.

Kenneth O. Macomber, superintendent of the water department, reported to the commissioners that work on the newly installed East Street water line is completed.

"I have a verbal okay from Mr. Winchester of the Water Sterilizing Surface that the bacterial test turned out fine and I'm now waiting to receive the written okay," he said.

The newly installed Chestnut St. water line is being rechlorinated, Mr. Macomber said. The chlorine is still in the line and it has to be flushed, so there has been no bacterial test made as yet.

Mr. Macomber told the commissioners that the selectmen want Chestnut St. resurfaced. At present there is a temporary patch from Pilgrim By-

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Way to Hall's Corner, where the water line had been installed.

The commissioners agreed to have Whitman and Howard, engineers, talk to the selectmen regarding this matter. The engineers had said earlier that the resurfacing should be left until spring because of weather factors.

Mr. Macomber said the newly installed Tobey Garden St. water line has been chlorinated and flushed, but there is still some sand in the line and something else may have to be tried to remove the sand.

In reply to a question by John Borgeson as to why there was so much sand in the line, Mr. Macomber said it was "sugar sand and almost impossible to keep out. We have flushed it, re-flushed it and backflushed it."

Mr. Macomber said Tobey Garden St., which is leaking about 1,000 gallons a day, has about 1,900 feet of water line

and should not leak more than 150 gallons a day.

He told the commissioners that the contractor, Anthony Susi of Milton, has put a pressure test on the line and has done everything he could trying to find the leakage, but I don't think the situation is corrected yet..

The Tobey Garden St. line is presently shut off because of the leakage.

Alpheus Walker asked Mr. Macomber how the "blackout" affected the water pumps.

Mr. Macomber said he didn't have to start emergency equipment. "We were ready, but didn't turn a wheel. We had to go around to the different water stations and re-set the controls," he said.

Mr. Macomber said the water department would be ready to advertise within a couple of weeks for an altitude valve for the Depot St. Pumping Station.

Col. Leonard Gallagher, a member of the water commissioners, agreed to write the annual report of the group for the annual town report, as he has done in the past.